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<u>City of Rockford Human Services Department</u> <u>2012 Scholarship Applications Available</u>

ROCKFORD – Applications are now available for the City of Rockford Human Services Department 2012 Scholarship Program. Applicants must have household income below 125% of the federal poverty level, reside in Winnebago or Boone County, and plan on attending a post secondary accredited school or training program located in the state of Illinois in the fall of 2012. There is no age requirement. The average scholarship award is \$1,000 with multiple awards available. The financial assistance is paid directly to the institution for costs of tuition and textbooks.

Applications, which include more detailed eligibility information, are available on the City of Rockford website at www.rockfordil.gov or at the office of the City of Rockford Human Services Department, Community Services Division, at 555 N. Court St., Suite 301. Completed applications and supporting documents must be received at this office no later than 4:00pm, Friday, March 23rd, 2012. Selected candidates will be called to interview.

Scholarships are funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through the Community Services Block Grant.